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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 2723

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRES BHUTTO ON FOREIGN POLICY

1. WE ARE SENDING BY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM THE FULL TEXT OF FINAL TEN- MINUTE PORTION OF BHUTTO'S ADDRESS TO NATION ON MARCH 29. I BELIEVE FULL TEXT OF THIS PORTION, WHICH DEALS WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS WORTH STUDYING BECAUSE OF ITS REMARKABLE FRANKNESS. NOT ONLY DID BHUTTO DEPLORE THE TENDENCY OF PAKISTANIS TO TAKE A NEGATIVE STANCE ON MANY MAJOR ISSUES, BUT HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SNIPE AT SOME PARTICULAR SACRED COWS OF PAKISTANI FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ARGUING THAT PAKISTAN HAD TO FACE QTE REALITIES UNQTE, BHUTTO IMPLIED THAT HE SHOULD ALRADY HAVE RECOGNIZED BANGLADESH. ADDRESSING THE NEED TO BREAK THE STALEMATE WITH INDIA, WHICH IS CAUSING SUFFERING TO THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN, HE DEPLORED SPECIFICALLY PAKISTAN'S NEGATIVE POSITION ON SETTLEMENT ON
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THE KASHMIR DISPUTE. THEN, I THINK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC SINCE BECOMING PRESIDENT, BHUTTO DEPLORED THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN HAD NOT BEEN TOLD THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SPIRAL OF EXPENDITURES ON DEFENSE.

2. SOME OF THE ABOVE POINTS WERE TOUCHED ON VERY BRIEFLY DURING MY DINNER MEETING WITH HIM AND MADE VEILED THREATS AS TO CONSEQUENCES IF IT PASSED.

FOR HIS EFFORTS DOCKER WON THE IRE OF GOVERNMENT AND A REBUKE FROM PM MARA.

3. IN OTHER LABOR MATTERS EIGHTEEN DAY BUILDERS WORKERS UNION STRIKE INVOLVING FIVE THOUSAND WORKERS SETTLED MARCH 31 FOLLOWING ALL NIGHT NEGOTIATING SESSION.

4. COMMENT: EVENTS BUILDING TO CONFRONTATION WITH LIKELY OUTCOME GOVERNMENT VICTORY WITH PASSAGE OF BILL IN PRESENT FORM BRINGING LABOR UNIONS UNDER TIGHT REIN. SKIFF

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